

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS19372

Idaho Code authorizes the use of deficiency warrants under certain circumstances. The agencies pay the bills and come back to the Legislature during the next session for the cash to reimburse those costs. This legislation includes reimbursement for the costs incurred for four purposes. First, it reimburses the credit balances in the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund to pay for the costs of fighting fires on wildlands protected by the state and timber protective associations. Second, it reimburses the Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2009 costs to survey for pests on state and private lands. Third, it reimburses the Department of Agriculture of fiscal year 2009 costs to survey livestock for disease on private lands. And fourth, it includes funding to reimburse the Military Division for costs incurred in fiscal year 2009 that are associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout Idaho.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill transfers a total of \$7,727,400 from the General Fund to three deficiency warrant funds for fiscal year 2010 as follows:

- 1) The Idaho Department of lands had a negative ending balance of \$7,203,100 in the Fire Suppression Deficiency Warrant Fund at the end of Fiscal Year 2009. This appropriation retires that deficiency warrant.
- 2) The Idaho Department of Agriculture issued deficiency warrants that included \$52,300 for an exotic pest survey, \$77,500 for potato cyst nematode (PCN) survey and treatment, \$280,200 for invasive species and \$46,700 for tuberculosis testing. As a result, \$410,000 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Pest Control Deficiency Fund and \$46,600 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Livestock Disease Control Deficiency Fund. These are the actual costs incurred by the department after taking into account federal reimbursements.
- 3) The Military Division paid costs associated with the cleanup of hazardous materials incidents throughout the state that totaled \$151,700. Of that amount, \$66,000 was paid by the responsible parties involved and \$85,700 was paid by the issuance of deficiency warrants; however, an additional \$18,100 was later recovered after the issuance of deficiency warrants. As a result, \$67,600 was appropriated from the General Fund for transfer into the Hazardous Substance Emergency Response Fund.

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